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TAGS: ETRD, GATT, IN, EG, YO

SUBJECT: GATT - EXTENSION OF TRIPARTITE TRADE AGREEMENT

REF: ( A ) GENEVA 0999; ( B ) L/3822; ( C ) L/3827

BEGIN SUMMARY: INDIA, YUGO AND EGYPT HAVE EXTENDED  
THEIR PREFERENTIAL ARRANGEMENT FOR FIVE MORE YEARS.  
MISSION SUGGESTS US WITHHOLD ITS SUPPORT FOR GATT LEGAL  
COVER. END SUMMARY

1. REFTEL A RECOMMENDATION ON HOW TO DEAL WITH TRI-  
PARTITE AGREEMENT AT GATT COUNCIL MARCH 22 HAS BEEN  
OVERTAKEN BY EVENTS. REF B DATED MARCH 9, IN ADDITION  
TO TRADE DATA ( WHICH INCIDENTALLY DEMONSTRATE WORTH-  
LESSNESS OF TRIPARTITE ARRANGEMENT) ANNOUNCES PARTIES  
EXPECT TO EXTEND AGREEMENT FOR FIVE YEARS. REF C DATED  
16 MARCH ANNOUNCES PARTIES DID SO DURING SECOND WEEK OF MARCH  
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1973 AND REQUESTS GATT COUNCIL TO EXTEND VALIDITY OF ITS  
DECISION OF 20 FEB 1970 UNTIL 31 MARCH 1978.

2. THIS OF COURSE PRESENTS GATT COUNCIL ON MARCH 22 WITH  
FAIT ACCOMPLI. SHORT EXTENSION OF 1970 DECISION ( WAIVER)  
TO PERMIT WP EXAMINATION NO LONGER MAKES MUCH SENSE.  
WITH ONLY FEW WORKING DAYS UNTIL COUNCIL MEETS AND NEED  
FOR LOCAL DELEGATIONS TO OBTAIN INSTRUCTIONS, WE ARE NOT  
ABLE PREDICT HOW OTHERS ARE LIKELY TO REACT. WE ASSUME,  
HOWEVER, THERE MAY BE SOME GRUMBLING FROM SOME QUARTERS  
BUT, BEARING IN MIND INSIGNIFICANT TRADE INVOLVED, WE  
DOUBT SUFFICIENT NUMBER WILL BE WILLING TO SPEAK OUT  
STRONGLY ENOUGH TO CAST DOUBT THAT SILENT MAJORITY OF  
COUNCIL IS WILLING TO GRANT EXTENSION AS REQUESTED.  
MISSION SUGGESTS WE BE AUTHORIZED MAKE LOW- KEY STATEMENT  
OF NON- SUPPORT FOR EXTENSION OF 1970 DECISION, BASING  
OUR POSITION ON DEMONSTRABLE FAILURE ( REF B) OF ARRANGEMENT  
TO ACCOMPLISH ITS INTENDED OBJECTIVE AS WELL AS GENERAL  
OPPOSITION TO DISCRIMINATION AMONG CPS AND AMONG DEVELOPING  
COUNTRIES. RECOMMEND US NOT VOTE FOR EXTENSION. RIMESTAD

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